

A TEN BILLION DOLLAR SURPLUS.

Taking the cash surplus of the people of the United States, as estimated by individual bank deposits, and it amounts to the unprecedented sum of ten billion dolars. The vast sum of gold and silver

held in the vaults of the United States treasury are insignificant compared to the people's aggregated deposits in state, national, savings and private banking institutions These banks, taken altogether, have now deposits of \$10,200,000,000, or \$126.90 per capita. Twenty years ago similar per capita deposits amounted to only about \$555, or less than half what they are now. When it is remembered that a large proportion of these deposits are what may be called "surplus income," or what is not immediately needed for current expenses, the significance of the astonishing amount can well be realized. Any surplus at all would indicate that the people are earning sufficient to meet all the requirements of life. A surplus of ten billion dollars and over means much more, because most people, before they begin to save, indulge more or less in luxuries after necessaries and comforts have been provided. It indicates that a vast number of people are able to enjoy to the full extent their desires according to their stations in life and standard of living. This is the perfectness of protection. Never under free trade have we been able to meet as a people even the necessaries of life, to say nothing of luxuries and a surplus. One need not go further for an example of a vindication of a protective tariff which brings such results,

A NEW PLAN FOR POPULATION.

To cut down the death rate is as sure a way of increasing population as putting up the birth rate. But why rulers and governing powers should ever be insisting upon the rule of "multiplying and replenishing" we never could mentally, morally or religiously comprehend. The denser the population the more universal the misery and distress. Over-population, in meaning mediocrity for the masses, means decay of institutions and government. Progress and enterprise are not expected of China or India. Over-population in Egypt was followed by decay. But still the effort of all countries seems to be for more people, for a greater population. Anent these observations, we find the following curious statement going the rounds. For the correctness of the statement the official figures must be accepted:

"Germany is increasing in population by keeping down the death rate. Preventive medical science does wonders nowadays. The growth of the population of Germany in 1902, regarding which statistics have just been tabulated, was the greatest known, amounting to 902,312, or 15.61 per 1,000, compared with 15.09 in 1901, and 14.63 the average for the last ten years. The number of births during the decade increased only slightly, remaining just about 2,000,000 yearly. The gain is due, therefore, exclusively to the death rate, which was 20.56 in 1902, compared with 22.68 for the previous decade.'

THE FRIARS WILL LEAVE

It is said that the Friars will leave the Philippines, that many of them are already gone. The Pope, it is announced, is well pleased with Governor General Taft's policy of paying the Friars for their lands. The lands in the first place are to be bought and paid for, and thus the Friars will have no cause of complaint. In the second place, the lands are to be sold to the people in small allotments, on easy terms, and the payments are to be turned over to the Friars as they are made. In the third place, no obligation is to be assumed by this government in the purchase of the estates. It is difficult to see how a more satisfactory arrangement could have been made

It was necessary to dispose of the Friars before peaceful and permanent government under American control could be assured in the Philippines. The holding of these vast estates by the Friars made them, to a certain extent, the landlords of the Filipino peasantry and gave them a power over the people which, because of their sympathies with the former Spanish regime, rendered the Americanizing of the islands difficult.

MANANA RAILROADING IN SPAIN.

Elroy Curtis farther delineates the railway train service in Spain. After waiting for maybe hours and until the clerks and ticket-sellers and baggage-hustlers have finished their cigarettes and everything is ready for the train to pull out the station master tolls a big bell hanging on the wall of the building as a formal notice; a few minutes later a porter in a blue cotton jumper goes up and down the platform ringing a hand-bell, which is a warning for people to kiss their friends good by again and to get aboard. The conductor of the train blows a horn, which is notice to the engineer and brakeman. Then somebody blows a shrill whistle at one end of the train. which is answered by a similar whistle at the other end, and the guards begin to rush up and down the platform in great excitement slamming the doors of the cars, which open on the sides and not at the ends as ours do. Then the engineer rings his bell and blows his whistle and off

WOMEN IN POLAND.

Polish women are renowned for their beauty, for the perfection of their hands and the smallness of their feet. They place the fineness of the hands above all other charms. "I regard my hands, not my face," said one, and it is reported in Warsaw that the Vienna shoe dealers keep a separate case of shoes for the delicate feet of their Polish customers. Polish ladies maintain t hat when they shop in Vienna and show their small feet with the high instep to be fitted, the tradesmen exclaim: "Ah those are Polish feet!" But their pleasure in this distinction is not so much a matter of personal vanity as of satisfaction in the superiority of anything belonging to their country. For they are fervidly patriotic. They adore their country and hate their tyrant, Russia. The lady of position rises between 11 and 12 in the forenoon, and goes to bed at 4 o'clock the next morning. She drives from one visit to another, but in reality she is laboring all day for public interests. Everything, the founding of a library, a hospital, a sewing school, is made to strengthen the Polish cause. Four ladies do not meet on a charity committee, says George Brandes, without taking some measure, under that innocent pretext, for the national benefit. As a consequence of this charm and spirit the women of Poland receive from the men a courtesy amounting to homage.

The greatest consideration for them is a commonplace of daily life. Men always rise in a tram car to give a lady a seat. At any public place a chair may be ruth lessly demanded of even the most distinguished official present with the sufficient explanation: "For a lady."

SOUNDING THE HEART.

Dr. Gustavus Gartner, professor of pathology at the Vienna university, has made an important discovery of a method for examining the heart. He is the first to succeed in determining the pressure of blood in the right auricle and the right ventricle, into which the whole of venous blood flows before passing into the vessels of the lungs for purification. His method is based on the following principles: If one lowers his arm the veins in the hand will fill with blood, as is very plainly seen on the back of the hand. If one raises one's arm above the head the veins collapse again. By exact and minute observation Dr. Gartner has succeeded in determining the height at which the veins of the hand collapse or fill in most cases. The change is so distinct as to form a basis for measurements. The experiments have been made on healthy and sick persons. When the pressure of the blood in the heart is normal the raising of the hand to the height of the right chambers-the position of which can be ascertained by percussion or Rontgen rays-suffices to make the veins in the back of the hand disappear. Dr. Gartner can now measure the differences in the pressure between th right chambers and the veins direct, and, by observing the veins in the back of the hand, he can draw trustworthy conclusions as to the state of the heart.

THE NEW POPE POLITICALLY.

Pope Pius X makes but a brist allesion to the status of the church in and of the claims of his pontificate politically. In his allocution to his first consistory he

"Now that it is necessary and of prime importance for the interests of Christianity that the pontiff in governing the Church should be, and be seen to be free and subject to no power, we do complain, as we are bound to complain by the nature of our office and by the oath we have taken, and as the most holy cause of religion demands, of the most grave outrage which has been inflicted on the church in this respect.

"True, we are aware that some will take umbrage when we say it behooves us to concern ourself with political matters also. But every impartial judge will recognize that the pontiff cannot separate the treatment of political matters from his office of teaching faith and morals. Moreover, since he is the head and ruler of as perfect a society as the church is, made up of men and established among men, he must assuredly desire, if he wishes to promote the security and liberty of Catholics in all parts of the world, to be in relation with the heads of states and individual rulers."

UNAFRAID.

So deep is the night, my brother, But bright the coming day, And the time for dawn and sunrise

Is never far away.

I'm watching here in the valley To catch the first glad rift In the night clouds hanging over-Grav clouds that soon shall lift.

Whenever night shades are deepest Then loudest is my song, In the shadow of the valley Hope speeds my feet along.

Aye, deep is the night, my brother, But bright the coming day. And the time for dawn and sunrise le never far away -Henry C. Warnack in Los Angeles Herald.

Dowie is not only solid on Zion, but he seems to have Republican learnings. In a sermon the other day he declared that "every man who votes a Democratic ticket

mittee of Chicago to subsidize Elijah III. If the authorities at Bogota had not mananaed but cted white in either accepting or rejecting the treaty Colombia would not only have had the active sympathy of the world, but Uncle Sam would have been in no hurry in recognizing the independence of Panama,

there will be no necessity for the Republican central com-

Herbert Spencer the profound philosopher and scientist, who died last week, believed with Jefferson that the least ruled people are the best ruled. Spencer prophesied however, that should the civilized world ever try socialism, it would find it insufferable despotism.

A few months hence in national convention assembled the Democratic party will be pointing with pride to reciprocity as a step to free trade, and viewing with dismay the disposition of the Republican party to stick to a high protective tariff.

A fellow named Mosly, chief clerk of the supreme court of Missouri, has been fired. Mosly wrote a book of romance on the ways and doings of Missouri statesmen which, containing more fact that fiction, worked his evic-

The Washington correspondent of the Cleveland, Ohio, Leader, says that the Kansas judgeship appointment happened immediately after a heart-to-heart talk between the President and the congressman from the Big Seventh.

Joe Chamberlain may fail in his dream, but he is knocking the pins from under the old Cobden club which has for so many years furnished the Democratic orators of America with their free trade arguments.

The trouble with the woman's fight being made on Reed Smoot-they can't prove that he ever had more than one wife and he refuses to become a polygamist at the behest of his enemies.

The Copeland county hotel will not be doing so rushing a business because of the frequent presence of Hoch's numerous manipulators who have been meeting there for consultation almost daily.

Topoka is worrying about how its taxpavers shall manage the waterworks. The subsequent mayors and city councils, ably seconded by the ward healers, well took after the graft.

The mother of one of the Chicago youths who formed a murderers' gang, devoted all her time to "the betterment of young people." Probably away from home most

The new bridge over the East river, which was dediested in New York this week, although more wonderful than the Brooklyn bridge, will never be so much of a

Tammany Hall is again at the helm in New York city and Mayor McClellan commenced yesterday to parcel out the fat slices to the tiger cubs.

Hearst, the yellow-sheeter, is counting on the Demo-

cratic delegation from Kansas, but that Kansas contingent is waiting for the return of Bryan.

It is proposed to create for the United States navy a general staff and two new vice-admirals. Expansion expands expenses.

Wonder if old Dowie had had another vision when he declared that anybody who voted the Democratic ticket

So far as noted, the Atlanta Constitution is the first paper to say: "Mark Hanna isn't saying much, but he's sawing Wood.

Miss Ida Tarbell will not be remembered in Mr. Rocke feller's will. But Ida rakes in the ducats all the same.

The busted Wall street magnates are putting their wives' tlaras in hock. Steam yachts are also for sale.

If cotton keeps on rising in price, a calico dress may yet be a mark of distinction.

Fashions and faces may come and go, but Santa looks always the same.

It costs \$47,000,000 a year to deliver Uncle Sam's mail.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

They were rushing Christmas a little bit at Granite. Saturday, a week ago, two affrays were pulled off in the saloons of

Blaine county Republicans will organize a Roosevelt club next Tuesday. Governor Ferguson will be there.

Gray granite has been discovered near Granite. The town can now furnish two colors and the town's future is again

Roger Mills county is "shy" one commissioner. C. M. Rosser stands a good show of being appointed,

The A. V. & W. reached Goltry Wednesday. And now that youth is reaching out for everything in sight.

The Enid Eagle has taken a strong stand against William R. Hearst's candidacy for the Presidency. His declination is looked for now any day.

Enid has a "pack of Queens." All Enid girls, no doubt, are eligible to the pack.

Bronson and Nichols got out an extraordinary Christmas umber of the Thomas Tribune last week. It is brim full of local news and convincing proof of the prosperity of Thomas.

Jones, of the Medfor Star, had his picture taken last week for the first time in fifteen years. And to think that an editor would be guilty of this Xmas crime.

Peckham bankers made a present of a sack of candy to each school kid in the town.

Literary societies are as popular as leap year parties in Kay Nardin and Peckham are both organizing such.

D. T. Smith, of Newkirk, hit the board of trade Monday for The News-Journal fails to state the amounts the board hit him before he got an opening. Jerre Johnson is advocating a manual training department

for the Newkirk academy. All the advanced educational institutions are installing them. Indian goods are scarce in Custer county. Christmas curio

hunters were forced to patronize their white brethren this year, Santa Claus is said by the Thomas Tribune to have toured

Oklahoma in an airship this winter. A big wolf hunt will be pulled off in the southeast corner of

Noble county New Years. Autry township is to be embraced, Morrison had its first fire Sunday. It was in a residence,

and but little damage was done, The Cordell Beacon counts up twelve marriages of that

city's male members. It declares that "it is one big honey moon all around." The Garber Sentinel is spreading over Oklahoma the ques-"To bathe or not to bathe." The weather in southern

El Reno claims to have more brick sidewalks than any other town in the territory.

Oklahoma makes the question of little import there.

KANSAS CURRENTS.

Barber county furnished Pratt with Christmas trees this year. We wouldn't be surprised to hear next that Barber was furnishing some neighbor with storks.

Mrs. Lois Lupton of Sumner county is the daughter of a revolutionary soldier. She is 97 years old.

Andy Richards denies that he will be a candidate for county attorney of Sumner county. The Daily Mail is a surer invest-

"In a Woman's Power" company spent its holidays at Newton last week. It proved as good for the home woman as a circus, wintering, does for the small boy.

Ed Hoch is to be congratulated. His declination cannot fall to satisfy his most ambitious friend,

The Capital would just as well now consider the Hoch incident closed. It need not despair, however; it still has Col.

C. W. Balley, register of deeds of Cowley county, fell down stairs Thursday and received some hard knocks. Fortunately, for his candidacy, the accident happened after daylight. The public schools of Winfield are going to publish a paper.

It will be called the "High School Breeze." Ed. Hoch's decision will be a terrible blow to the reportorial

preme-court-justice-today" is good for a while yet. The Arkansas City Traveler refuses to believe the Topeka Journal's statement that "Muskogee Red" is going to reform, And the Traveler was among the last to furnish him money to

staffs of the Topeka papers. But "Balley-has-named-no-su-

The Caldwell Advance is in fuver of "pushing" Blaine's canal

right along. Up hill or down. The Newton golf club will add twenty acres to its grounds

this spring. They will extend east. The Pratt Republican wants to know what "old Hill Morgan" knows about canals, anyway. Well, it will have to be

admitted, Mr. Morgan has had Cow Creek for a study many

The Emporia Gazette predicts that while it is Attorney-General Coleman now, in three years it may be Governor

The Arkansas City officers are "cold propositions" when it comes to giving a reporter news, declares the hustler of the Traveler. And he ought to know.

The Wellington Mail predicts that all state officers will renominated by acclamation with the exception possibly of one, A. D. Walker for railroad commissioner, and that he will be so nominated if he secures the delegation from his

The Emporia Gazette head-writer is as bold and unprofessional as the Atchison Globe man. This is a sample of the former "John Bull Butts In."

Kansas City Journal: The death of Banker C. F. Drake recalls the fact that he was one of the pieneers of Fort Scott immortalized in his sketch of early days on the Kansas border by the late C. W. Goodlander. Goodlander says that Drake had one invariable answer for those who complained of the high price charged for his goods. It was that he sold exactly for "cost and carriage."

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 187 S SNTY-SIX YEARS AGO TODAY .-- A part of the Third regiment, United States troops, was a sound at the place where Fort Leavenworth now stands. It was called a canton ment until los. hen it became a fort. The name of the fort comes from the colonel of the regiment, Henry H. Leavenworth.

IN 1867, FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY :- A report showed that there were fifteen pupils in P. A Emery's deaf mute school at Baldwin City, Douglas county,

IN 1873, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY:-There were graded schools at Atchison, Chetopa Wichita, Concordia, Fort Scott, Hiawatha, Independencendence, Junction City, Leavenworth, Louisville, Neosho Falls, Oswego, Parsons and Wamego,

IN 1883, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY:-Reed and Pearce, murderers of W. H. McMillan, were sentenced at Emporia to the penitentiary, until the governor should order them hanged. It was on this date also that trains commenced running from Wichita to Godard and Garden Plain on the Wichita and Western railroad

IN 1866 TEN YEARS AGO TODAY -- A suit was filed in the Shawnee county district court to prevent the collection of a per capita tax of \$1.50 on \$1.000 Kansas Odd Fellows to pay an alleged incumbrance on a donation of 31,000 acres of land by D. F. Boissiere to erect an Odd Fellows home near Ottawa. A temporary injunction was granted.

IN 1888, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:-Word was sent out from Abilene reporting that the citizens of Woodbine had blown up with dynamite a building in which a joint had been started. Everything was destroyed, but no one hurt. The jointists had been ordered out of town and had refused to go.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"'Tis against some men's principle to pay interest, and seems against other's interest to pay th principal."-Benjamin Franklin

RESOLUTIONS.

Next Thursday night when the clock strikes If there is any vice I have overlooked, I will adopt it for next year.

I will swear off any semblance of a virtue my friends suspect me of possessing. I will borrow every dollar, dime and nickle,

ucker-friends will loan me, and I won't pay back I will get trusted at the butcher's, the grocer's,

the tailor, and for house rent, and if duns become too urgent, I will change my place for trading. I would get trusted for poker chips and liquids, but vice alone is on a cash basis, and this explains

ary food and clothing. I will commit no crimes because the law is re lentless, but because of this streak of goodness, I will seek diligently for yet another vice to practice. I will give away nothing but will take all that

is offered. My reason for these resolves is that my concience will not allow me to break a resolution, about smokers. What are they, anyhow?" and long experience has taught me that resolutions to be good are fractured before noon, January 1. I sincerely hope to carry out my new program

Books are such pretty things. Some people buy whole libraries to make cozy their front room

without perjury,

It's a sorry lad who can't produce a cigarette and a piteous maiden who can't use powder.

If we are "as salt of the earth," the earth must

be one huge tear. There is no rest for the weary. Nor the editor,

-H-H-"I don't know why I love you, but I do," sang the young man to his sweetheart. "Oh, give me something new," replied the shy little girl.

Like Bob Evans' going to make Spanish the make the hatchet the scepter of power in that hot can't stop it

If the Darwinian theory were in vogue how lit- Time. He will be on hand next Thursday night tle effort it would be for some people to follow the with a new scythe, and a keen-edged sickle.

The fellow who has a smattering of Greek and invention of the jewellers, Latin is the very one who enjoys to display his

horse-laugh, put it down that some Socialist is ence that the days between Christmas and the next teiling the people how soon we will have a heaven pay day, are the shortest in his career.

can't make anything out of it except what the word implies and translate into their vernaculat

-X-X-X-A bold-headed man has little judgment if he

Gold teeth, gold spectacles, white vests, auto-

erous as poets. Women can't control votes; neither can votes

control women. The hardest thing for a man to do is to not make why I cannot pay for such unnecessaries as ordinmistakes about the judgment of a woman; the casiest thing for a woman is to mistake the sudg-

A brass ring, an old maid and a celluloid collar,

Say, Bill, I've been a readin' a great deal lately "I can't tell you. The last one I attended I never get home till morning, and my wife didn't

When a man is in profound study nine times out of ten he is thinking of a woman

When the boys let Bill Bailey alone, And Give Hiawatha a rest-Oh, goodness, won't the public be Most wonderfully blest!

A laugh is worth ten doses of medicine

Old Father Time is coming near, He's due in five days more He'll then blot out the old, old year, And bring in nineteen four,

year. It has witnessed wrecks, floods, fires, boodling, grafting and crimes galore with scarcely a ruling language in Hades, so will Carrie Nation day without a rumor of war. Let 1902 pass-you

As a matter of fact, 1900 has been a remarkable

To a correspondent: Watch parties are not an

The Cutlery trust hasn't discouraged Pather

The almanaes declare the days before Christmas When you hear a crowd giving someone the the shortest of the year. It is the Piker's experi-

Some people would like to be walking diction-

Even the hoot-owls have taken up for discussaries. And still the world down't comprehend their sion the book known as "Who's Who?" They magnitude.

WHEREIN NO NAMES ARE MENTIONED

this city, or no." said Chief Burt, when he was finally permitted to wager that he could stop the elevator with it.

one poleese protection

Burt, "and see what can be done" "Very well, I will return." said the little man. will return, for I must have protection. I will

He then left the office and the citaing of the street door left another "protection" sentence unfinished. "Funny thing about this man," said Mr. Burt.

not stand it longer

"He swore out a complaint a short time ago against two colored men and when they appeared for the trial, their accuser, himself, was occupying a cell cents appeared in the city jail, for a petty offence

In one of the down-town stores recently there over the different display of pictures, spled this ment of husband and wife is made, the croops one and remarked to the clerk: "Ah! Pope Len." were still sitting. 'Yes'm." calmly replied the clerk, "Pope Leo and

A young lady of this city narrowly escaped arrest for attempting to pass counterfelt money. She had been visiting a California quick-silver mine and had put a bit of the metal into her purse. It exerted its chemical properties by immediately covering some pieces of sliver in the pecket-book father. Later on the young lady went to a core and ught some articles. She had just passed out of way?" he asked. the door when a clerk rushed after her with the piece of money in his hand and accused her of an attempt to give him bogue money. A policeman stepped up and become an interested auditor, while then remarked a small crowd gathered and listened to the young lads's explanation of the effect of quickeliver upon on their places? a half-dollar. She was then allowed to go free.

in one of the largest hotels in Wichita, where he only Wichita residents that were present.

A little Frenchman, fiving in the south end, is still employed. This particular colored man was rushed breathlessly into the office at the police ground indeed, of his hard crunnim and he often adquarters one evening last week and demanded, boasted that there was nothing outside of iron er excitedly: "Where is ze cheef of polecae? I must sleet that he couldn't break with it. The panels in see ze cheef of poleece. I have been attacked by an ordinary door he could brank as if paper. At two very victous dogs, and I am come to know if one time he stood up and let a hig young husky I am to have any protection by the "poleons" of colored man beat him on the head until the former's knuckles were sore and bleeding. Later R was Some time ago," he continued, "I was attacked found that several bones of the mun's hands were by ze same dogs and I made a complaint against broken. But to return to the elevator story. That their owner, but see what good it do! Ze polerse colored man grew so proud of the esouthers of "Well," his head that he grew bold one day and offered to speak. "What you want to do is to see the police one, of course, wanted to see him killed and he dge and have a warrant issued. That is the could find no takers. He finally decided to perform best way to do anything in a case like this." the fest gratis. A large crowd congregated at the Bah, on a warrant," shricked the little man, second floor of the hotel and the elevator with Bub on a warrant, I say! What good does it do? three people started down. The colored man stuck I've tried. Do you mean to say, sir, that I am to his head about half-way over the floor and when have no protection in this matter? Zis is ne very the elevator atruck it one could imagine they first city I have lived in where they will not afford heard the hones cracking. The power was reversed and the man drew his head from its position ap-Come and see the judge comorrow," said Mr. parently unburn. To all appearances, the shock never even made his head sche

There is a gentleman who gets a check from not be treated so: Something must be done! I will abroad semi-ocasionally for sending statisties to \$ certain firm. He receives sometimes five dollars

Last Tuesday he got a letter from the firm and his daughter brought it to him. I will take for my Christmas present," she said.

"Done," said the father. The letter was opened and a check for fifty

"Of course I was joking," said the damed, There is a gentleman in the suburbs of Wiehira hung a well-known picture of two monks seated who has been married four times. At the last in a wine cellar. A customer, who was looking wedding, at the critical point where the pronounce

> You will please srise and stand before me," said the parmon

We has usually sot," remarked the groot There was a grain dealer in this vicinity a few years ago who came from an costern state. A

Wichita man visited the town where the grain dealer's parents fixed and incidentally met the "Do you know, my son, who is itring out your

"I know him well. He is buying and shipping was the reply. The old man was quiet for a minute or two, and

"Do the farmers in your country have scales

A short time ago at a large banquet in Kannas. Speaking of hard-headed people," said the ex- City, one of Wichita's young attorneys remarked bell-hop, who was discussing the subject with ser- during his address. "Withits has contributed a eral friends on East Douglas avenue. "I naw a col. number of merchants to Maneus City which adds ored man stop an elevator with his head and it greatly to the credit and moral tone of both wasn't any accident either. The man was working cities." His remark was greeted by a length from